TOWN OF TREMONT HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stewart Murphy called the Harbor Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 31, 2004 to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Stewart Murphy, Everett Beers, Diane Miller, Mel Atherton, Charlie Dillon, Northwood Kenway, Al Price and recording Secretary Heidi Farley.

3. ACCEPT MINUTES

Charlie motioned to accept minutes as amended Northwood seconded, unanimous, Diane abstained.

Stewart left agenda and went to 6A MOORING LIST

6. A. MOORING LIST

Marilyn Moore in to see the committee about her mooring application. Stewart said that he looked into it and found that she had gone from second on the list to fifteenth. Al said that is not uncommon with changeovers in Harbormaster. Harbor Committee in full agreement to put Marilyn Moores application on the top of the waiting list.

B. SECRETARY

Stewart told Harbor Committee that it has been requested of the committee that if they want something from the Selectmen that they need something in writing. The Recording Secretary can not act as their Secretary. Northwood motioned to nominate Diane Miller as Secretary, Mel seconded, unanimous.

4. HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster reported that he and Stewart got the Electric winch up and running with a lot of help from Pat Hanley. Al said that he has given the Town Manager a list of things to be done. He said that there are some chains and hinges that need to be replaced on some of the floats. The Harbor Committee asked Diane to write a letter to the Town Manager requesting that the DOT come and clean up the mess they left on the ledge behind the Ferry Terminal. It is chewing up the floats of the Town. Al thanked the Harbor Committee for their support over the years; he will greatly miss everyone.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. EXCISE TAX

Stewart said that he requested a list of boat excise tax paid to the Town of Tremont and got a big pile of papers. Not what he wanted. Harbor Committee still does not feel that they have received enough financial information from the Town. Charlie would still like to see some fee increases. Diane asked if the Selectmen were looking for a full time or part time Harbormaster? Harbor Committee does not know at this time.

B. WHARF HOUSE REPORT

After much discussion, Diane offered to call Sally Black about the best way to proceed with the wharf house.

7. OTHER

Stewart asked what everyone's views were on the Harbormaster position? Everyone agrees that it needs to be a full time position. A lot of discussion about who the Harbormaster reports to and who hires the Harbormaster. Al stated that he has had no complaints and that there are only two black marks in his file. Al said that if you read Maine Law Chapter 38, sections 1 and 7 that it will tell you that the Harbor Committee advises the Selectmen and the Town Manager oversees the Harbormaster.

Mel made a motion to reverse the Committees earlier decision this month on the Wharf Ordinance, Northwood seconded. Diane, Northwood, Charlie, and Mel in favor, Stewart and Everett opposed. Harbor Committee will continue with fee increases. The Public Hearing is Thursday, April 1,2004 in the Community Building at 6:00 PM.

Harbor Committee is requesting a meeting with the Selectmen as soon as possible to discuss Harbor issues. Diane will forward a request to the Town Manager.

Al reported that Al Gordius has a second hand security system that he will sell to the Town at a good price. Clyde Carter reported that Atlantic Salmon has lost many items recently and he thinks the camera would be great. Harbor Committee will look into Al Gordius's offer.

8. ADJOURN

Mel motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:50 PM, Charlie seconded, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi Farley Recording Secretary